

Appl. No. 10/668,172
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REMARKS

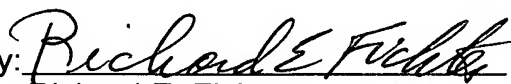
The Official Action is an election requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and patentably distinct species claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Species I – Fig. 1: Composite micro-structured sheet with straight trenches with an arc cross-section which is readable on claims 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8, without traverse. It is noted that claim 1 appears to be generic and Applicants would be entitled to consideration of a reasonable number of species once the elected invention has been found allowable.

Applicants have amended claim 1 which is a generic claim to be more specific to the election species. Claims 4 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as being directed to the non-elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected species at a later time.

In view of the election of Species I, without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits taking into consideration the IDS submitted herewith is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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